GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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EXPORT OF DRUGS AND FORMULATIONS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a wide range of drugs and formulations are being exported to various countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Indian drug industry is in a position to meet the entire demand of the drug formulations meant for export;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to increase export of Indian drugs?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (e): Exports of large number of Indian drugs are destined to more than 200 countries around the globe including highly regulated markets of US, Europe, Japan, Germany, Russia, U.K., Canada, China, Brazil, Australia etc. Approximate export figures of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals for the last three years are as under:-

Value figures in Rs. crores

2004-05 2005-06 2006-07

17857 22216 24942

Indian drug manufacturing companies have developed capacity and capability to cater to most of the Export demand in the last few years. Now, India has the highest number of US FDA approved plants outside USA.

The Government of India has taken a number of measures for export promotion under the Foreign Trade Policy,which,interalia include the following:-

1) Assistance to States for developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE).
2) Market Access Initiative (MAI).
3) Market Development Assistance (MDA).
4) Meeting Expenses for trade related matters.
5) Reorganization of Towns of Export Excellence and assistance to exporters.
6) Brand Promotion and Quality.
7) Modernization and up gradation of Test Houses.
8) Setting up a special Economic Zones in the country (SEZs).
9) Formation of Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council (Pharmexcil).